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FOR MR. HARRY E. BERGOLD JR., DASD ISA, FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: OVIP (SCHLESINGER, JAMES)
SUBJECT: SECDEF VISIT TO NORWAY

REF: OADS/ISA 05531 MAY 1974 (302231Z MAY 74)

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELPFUL MESSAGE AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON YOUR ARRIVAL IN BODO.
 2. MY WIFE VERY MUCH HOPES THAT MRS. SCHLESINGER AND UP TO FOUR OTHERS IN HER PARTY WILL STAY AT OUR RESIDENCE WHILE IN OSLO. WE HAVE TWO GUEST ROOMS WITH TWIN BEDS AND ONE SMALLER SINGLE ROOM. WE ARE HOLDING SPACE FOR OTHERS IN THE PARTY AT HOTEL NORUM (THE ONLY ONE AVAILABLE), BUT DCM AND MRS. BUCHANAN AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THEM STAY IN THEIR HOMES AND I THINK VISITORS MIGHT PREFER THIS. PLEASE LET ME KNOW THEIR WISHES.
 3. WE ARE PLANNING SIGHTSEEING FOR SATURDAY (INCLUDING MUNCH MUSEUM), AND MY WIFE IS ARRANGING AN INFORMAL DINNER FOR MRS. SCHLESINGER AND OTHERS IN PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT.
 4. FOR YOUR PLANNING OF RETURN FLIGHT FROM NORTH NORWAY ON SUNDAY, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT SECDEF FLY DIRECTLY TO BERGEN. I WILL PROBABLY REMAIN IN NORTH NORWAY FOR
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A FEW DAYS TO PAY OFFICIAL CALLS THERE AFTER COMPLETION

OF SECDEF'S OFFICIAL VISIT. ASIDE FROM THAT, WE BELIEVE LADIES WOULD ENJOY TAKING THE DAY TRAIN TO BERGEN SUNDAY. THE SO-CALLED "TROLL TRAIN" RUNS DURING SUMMER SPECIFICALLY FOR TOURISTS. IT LEAVES OSLO AT 9:30 A.M., HAS A GUIDE ON BOARD AND GOOD DINING FACILITIES, STOPS FOR AN HOUR AT FINSE TO ALLOW PASSENGERS TO ADMIRE THE SCENERY, AND ARRIVES BERGEN AT 7:10 P.M. WE HAVE BOOKED SEATS ON THAT TRAIN, BUT HAVE ALSO MADE CONTINGENCY RESERVATIONS AS WELL ON A FLIGHT LEAVING OSLO 4:00 P.M. SUNDAY. AGAIN, WOULD APPRECIATE WORD AS TO THEIR PREFERENCE.

5. FULLY UNDERSTAND DIFFICULTIES OF FINAL SCHEDULING BUT HOPE TO BE ABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ANSWER DAILY INQUIRIES FROM NORWEGIANS AS TO COMPOSITION OF PARTY. PLEASE USE IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE ON YOUR REPLY. REGARDS
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